

Memo

To: City Council

CC: Tracey Nicholson, City Administrator
Ron Brooks, City Treasurer
Lesley Riddle, Director, Public Works

From: Jim Chandler, Assistant City Administrator

Date: June 1, 2021

Re: Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail MOU: Pedestrian Lighting & Fence Maintenance

The purpose of this memorandum is to request City Council authorization for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Hyattsville and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) for the incorporation of overhead pedestrian lighting as part of the construction of the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail (RIATT) project.

In November 2018, Maryland SHA presented the City Council with the 30% design and solicited comments from the City Council. The City adopted a series of requested revisions to the design, which were communicated to Maryland SHA in a letter dated November 28, 2019, which is included in this packet.

Maryland SHA has incorporated each of the City's requested revisions into the design of the trail, including overhead pedestrian lighting, as a recommended Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principle and to encourage the trail as a viable transportation option for non-motorized travel.

Maryland SHA has completed the permit design of the RIATT project and developed a lighting cost estimate of \$318,148. The City and Maryland SHA will be partially splitting the overall costs of the pedestrian lighting, with the City absorbing some additional costs due to a requested conduit for future use. The City had budgeted \$250,000 in the FY2021 Capital Improvement Plan, which was reauthorized in the FY2022 CIP, to cover the costs of the RIATT lighting improvements. The City will be responsible for contributing \$163,666.22 to the project costs, however the City and M-NCPPC have discussed M-NCPPC covering up to 50% of the City's portion of costs, through a separate MOU, to be approved later this year.

The City will also be required to execute an amended MOU for maintenance of supplemental safety fencing along the sidewalk portion of the trail. The authorization being requested by the City Council is intended to authorize the City Administrator to execute that supplemental MOU without additional action of the City Council.